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SUBJECT: M.S.A. RAHIM (MOHAMEDUCASSIM SEYEDU ABDUL RAHIM),
SRI LANKA'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO KENYA

1. A MUSLIM BORN IN MANNAR DISTRICT AND EDUCATED
IN PREDOMINENTLY TAMIL JAFFNA, RAHIM HAS BEEN
ACTIVE IN MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH THE MOORS ISLAMIC CULTURAL HOME HEADQUARTERED
IN COLOMBO. HE IS A BUSINESSMAN BY PROFESSION. RAHIM
WON A SEAT IN THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY (NSA) IN A
1974 BY-ELECTION AS A UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP)
CANDIDATE BUT LOST IT BY A NARROW MARGIN IN THE 1977
NATIONAL ELECTIONS, DESPITE A UNP LANDSLIDE VICTORY.

2. SINCE LOSING HIS SEAT, RAHIM HAS CONTINUED ACTIVE
IN THE UNP AS CHIEF UNP ORGANIZER FOR AMNNAR AND AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE UNP COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE
NORTH. HE WAS MADE CICE CHAIRMAN AND WORKING DIRECTOR
OF THE PADDY MARKETING BOARD FOLLOWING HIS 1977 ELECTION
DEFEAT.

3. RAHIM IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS. HE IS
PROBABLY IN HIS LATE FORTIES OR EARLY FIFTIES AND
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IS ABOUT 5 FEET 11 INCHES, 190 POUNDS. HIS ENGLISH
IS GOOD AND HE WAS NOTED FOR HIS ORATORICAL SKILLS
DURING HIS STINT IN THE NSA. EXCEPT FOR WHAT MIGHT
HAVE RUBBED OFF IN THE NSA, RAHIM HAS NO BACKGROUND
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND HIS APPOINTMENT IS SEEN
AS A REWARD TO A FAITHFUL PARTY MAN.
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